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THE FLAG*

buffaloes, Storm and Grumbler, or  
Fritz's onager  
or Whirlwind, Jack's ostrich, it would  
only take us  
one day to get to Rock Castle ! "

" I am sure that Frank forgot to post  
the letter  
we wrote, asking them to send the  
animals to us,"  
Jenny answered merrily.

" What, Frank, did you forget ? "  
asked Frits,  
" A thoughtful, attentive fellow like  
you ?"

" No," said Frank, " it was Jenny  
who forgot  
to tie a note to her albatross's leg  
before he flew  
off."

" How thoughtless of me ! " the young  
woman  
exclaimed.

" But it is not certain that the  
postman would  
have taken the letter to the right  
address," Dolly  
said.

" Who knows ? " Frank replied. ;  
" Everything  
-that is happening now is so  
extraordinary,"

" Well," said Captain Gould, " since  
we can't  
count upon Storm or Grumbler or  
Whirlwind or  
the onager, the best thing we can do is  
to trust to  
our own legs."

" And to step lively," John Block  
added.

They started with the firm intention  
only to halt  
at mid-day. From time to time James  
and Frani  
and the boatswain carried Bob,

although the child  
wanted to walk. So they lost no time  
crossing tk  
forest.

James and .Susan Wolston, who knew  
nothing\*